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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. C. F. Niles has accepted a call to Hopedale, Mass., and entered upon his charge.

Rev. T. J. Horner has resigned at Attleboro, Mass., to accept a call to Manchester, N. H.

Rev. E. P. Daniels has resigned at Wilton and Milford, N. H., to accept a call to the North Church in Hingham, Mass.

Rev. H. G. Richardson was installed at Yonkers, N. Y., on December 3d.

The Federated Church of Sandwich, Mass., composed of the First Parish, Unitarian, the Congregational and Methodist Churches, has called Rev. Howard F. Legg. Mr. Legg is of Methodist antecedents and has just been released from service as a Y. M. C. A. Secretary at Camp Devens. The services of the Federated Church are held in the Unitarian Meeting-House.

Rev. G. A. Keirn, D.D., until recently the head of the Universalist Mission in Japan, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the United Unitarian and Universalist Churches in Atlanta, Ga., and has entered upon his duties. Here, too, the united society worships in the Unitarian Church.

Rev. S. B. Snow has accepted a Y. M. C. A. commission and gone overseas. His work as Associate Minister at King's Chapel, Boston, will be assumed for the winter by Prof. C. R. Bowen of Meadville.

Rev. A. M. Rihbany has also gone overseas as the representative of the Americans of Syrian birth at the Peace Conference. He is to present his views of the Syrian question to leading men of the Allied nations and endeavor to have them adopted at Paris.

Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff has resigned at Marblehead, Mass., in order to devote himself to special studies at Cambridge.

The approach of Peace and return to more normal conditions encourages the effort to renew work in some of the Southern missions where services had to be abandoned while the shortage of ministers was so acute. Rev. A. J. Schoenfeldt has taken charge at San Antonio, Tex., and Rev. G. H. Badger at Orlando, Fla. Rev. G. B. Spurr is soon to reopen work at Nashville, Tenn.

Field Secretaries

Field Secretary Nobbs has met preaching appointments at Brockton twice, and at Plymouth and Harvard. Addresses have been made to men's clubs at Brockton and Harvard, also at the annual parish supper in Rockland. The Rockland meeting was espec-

ially pleasant because of the large attendance and the apparent signs of interest in the church. He has made a number of business trips to Ayer in connection with the finishing of the church and especially the installation of the heating plant. The rehabilitated building is now again in use throughout and a rededication service will be held on Sunday, January 5. The work on the church in Dover, New Hampshire, has been brought to completion, and the appearance of the building has not been harmed by the removal of the old spire.

Field Secretary Gilmore has just returned to New York from a trip to visit the churches in Dunkirk, Jamestown, Barneveld, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Meadville, Pa.

Field Secretary Brown has concluded his service at Richmond, Va., and is now reviving the cause at Charleston, W. Va.

The Returning Soldiers

The Publication Department has prepared a poster suitable for display, with or without framing, in all church vestibules. The text is set forth on the back cover of this issue of WORD AND WORK. It combines a greeting to our returning men in arms with the pledge of co-operation on the part of the congregation for new consecration to the ideals of freedom and democracy. These posters should be used in every Unitarian church. Single copies will be sent without charge upon application to the Publication Department, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

The expression of our appreciation of the service and sacrifice of our returning soldiers will be hearty and earnest. Everything possible will be done to provide for their industrial welfare and social enjoyment. It is very much to be hoped that every church will carefully consider and wisely plan so that the spirit which has animated our young men may be made part of the life and service of the churches. Their pluck and patience are just what are needed to make our churches effective. All who have dealt intimately with our soldiers and sailors, whether in the home camps or at the front, unite in testifying that the vast majority of young Americans appear to have somehow acquired extraordinarily false ideas in regard to churches and religion. Our young men in arms have little or no interest in churches, while at the same time they are profoundly religious and have abundantly testified in their deeds to the reality of their Christian faith. The teachings and habits of the Orthodox churches which chiefly represent American Christianity have led them to suppose that religion is a matter of doctrinal subscription or of going through an emotional experience called "Conversion". Most of the young men believe that religion is a form of repression rather than of expression. It consists in "Don'ts" and in "Thou shalt nots". It has never been pointed out to them that religion is really a life and that the virtues which they have been exemplifying in the service are definitely and distinctively religious. They have been taught that religion is a way of selfishly saving one's own soul and for that form of religion they have no use. Their religion is one of service, of brotherhood, of saving other people and not themselves. The Unitarian churches have never fallen into the deplorable error of teaching religion as a doctrine or as conversion or as personal salvation. They ought therefore to be able to meet the immediate needs of our returning young men, and they should spare no effort to present to these young men tasks that are worthy of their powers.

The Laymen's League

The tasks of religious reconstruction require the best judgment and the largest vision of all who are associated in the life of our churches. Intelligent and public-minded Americans are everywhere busily thinking and planning how to deal with the industrial, political and social changes that confront us in these times. Shall there not be equal attention to the demands for *religious* reconstruction? Certainly if our Unitarian churches are to be effective and influential in the new times they must have the increased interest and

support of our men of affairs. Our churches have in their membership an unusually large proportion of men of high character, sound judgment and proved public spirit. These latent powers need to be concentrated and directed to definite achievements.

At Springfield, Mass., on the 10th, 11th and 12th of January there will be held a convention of the laymen of our Unitarian churches. The purposes of the meeting are defined in the call sent out by the committee on arrangements as follows:

1. To see what can and should be done to make the National League of Unitarian Laymen a more potent and productive organization.

2. To see what steps can be taken to put our local parish churches upon better business foundations and provide for their more adequate support and their increased efficiency.

3. To see what can be done to make our churches more influential in the civic, moral and religious life of the Republic.

4. To see what new obligations and opportunities confront us in these momentous times and how they can be met by the loyal and united energies of the men of the Unitarian churches.

It is hoped that this Convention will offer the opportunity to give new utterance to the principles in which we believe and to plan for more effective and more united work in the advancement of those principles. The Convention should command the interest and attendance of all the men in our churches who have some vision of what the coming days have in store for America and for Christendom.

As a place of meeting Springfield offers many advantages. There is a strong Unitarian Society there which proffers the hospitality of its beautiful church. There are excellent hotel accommodations and Springfield is the junction of the railroad lines running north and south, east and west. The meetings will be held from Friday evening to Sunday morning. This means that all those who attend and who live within a reasonable distance of Springfield will be absent from home for only one business day, Saturday, and for two nights, Friday and Saturday. There will be an opening session on Friday evening, January 19th. Mr. W. W. McClench, President of the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company, will be in the chair and addresses are expected from the President of the American Unitarian Association and Dr. William L. Sullivan of New York. The necessary committees will be appointed and the business of the Convention got under way. At the Saturday morning meeting the chair will be taken by Mr. Charles E. Ware, President of the National League of Unitarian Laymen. The subject for discussion will be "Organizing our Resources for more Efficient Enterprise," and a number of well known laymen will participate. The afternoon session will concern itself with the question: "How can we make our Churches count in the New Age?" The presiding officer will be Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., President of the Unitarian Club of Boston. The evening session will be presided over by Hon. William H. Taft, President of the General Conference, or, if he cannot be present, by the Vice-President of the Conference, and the addresses will deal with our outlook and our larger relationships. On Sunday morning there will be a service of worship in the Church of the Unity, which the delegates to the Convention will attend in a body.

The reports of the Committees will be brought in on Saturday evening or at a special session after the morning service on Sunday. The delegates will be able to return to their homes on the afternoon trains. Information about the Convention can be obtained by addressing the Secretary of the Laymen's League, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

Finances

The attention of ministers and parish committees is earnestly requested to the needs of their national work. Never

have the Unitarian churches had such an opportunity as now to spread their principles abroad. The minds of the people are open. The ground has been plowed and harrowed. Shall there not be more abundant planting of good seed? The old religious dogmas have been shattered in the war. Shall not our ideals of freedom and truth be now enthroned? The plans are ready, the calls urgent, but the necessary money is lacking. It is not because the people of the churches do not possess the money or are not willing to give it, but too often ministers and committees are busy and absorbed in other things and so suffer the old dilatory habits to continue. Eight months of the fiscal year of the Association have passed but very few of the churches have sent in their contributions. The contributions that have appeared are distinctly encouraging. The Treasurer reports substantial gains in the contributions of such churches as Springfield, Second Salem, Newport, R. I., Arlington and Petersham. These gains are from ten to sixty per cent over the contributions of last year. That increase must be sustained if the $75,000 needed for the work of the current year is to be received. Will not those who are responsible for these matters consider how seriously our collective work is hampered by delay? What would happen to a church if its members and its subscribers gave nothing to the support of the church for ten months and then made all their subscriptions in the last few weeks of the financial year? How would the trustees pay the minister's salary regularly or support the other activities of the society? That is just the burden that the churches put upon the officers and Directors they elect to administer their national affairs. They require the Directors to enter into contracts for carrying on the work that the churches want done, but they do not provide the needed money until the last minute. It is just as easy to gather the contribution for the work of the Association in January as it is in April. *Do it now!*

Department of Religious Education

One more manual has been added to the Beacon Course in Religious Education, the one scheduled for pupils nine years of age. This is entitled "God's Wonder World," and is written by Miss Cora Stanwood Cobb. But for delays incident to war conditions it would have been in the hands of our teachers and pupils much sooner. The handwork to accompany this book, likewise held back by war conditions, is expected about the middle of February.

The purpose of Miss Cobb's book is to start the young people right in their life-attitude toward the world in which we live. Believing as we do that it is in a real sense God's world, the expression of His being and purpose, it seems not only well but an obligation to associate the children's earliest impressions of nature with the thought of God. Children of nine have been called walking interrogation points. They are then discovering the world in a real sense; what they see and how they understand it depends in large measure upon those who guide their unfolding lives. Many have tried to create reverence for the world and its wonders by systematic nature-faking, failing to see that the wonders with which we are surrounded are far more marvelous than any human imaginings. This manual aims in every statement to be wholly scientific, yet gives to the accurately-stated facts that glow which comes from a profound faith that things are precisely as they are because God made them so. If our young people can thus be set right at the start in their attitude toward the world in which they live, their lives will by so much the more be assured of being lived religiously in the highest sense. This book is, therefore, worthy a prominent place in our Beacon Course. Parents of young children will do well to have it in their homes, where it can be read. Those who have seen the manuscript know how fascinating a story it is that Miss Cobb tells.

The demand for the books of the Beacon Course in Religious Education has

been so active that the Publication Department has been obliged to put in hurry orders for reprinting and binding new editions. Both the pupils' book and teachers' edition of Mrs. Cabot's "Our Part in the World" ran short, as did also Bowen's "The Gospel of Jesus," Miss Buck's "Story of Jesus" and the handwork for Miss Dadmun's "Living Together." The Kindergarten book had hardly become well placed on our shelves before a new set of printed leaves had to be bound to meet the unexpectedly large demand. All these are now in full stock and orders are being promptly filled. The temporary shortage offers an excellent testimony to the loyalty of our schools in using these publications, as well as to the value of the manuals offered. Incidentally, the quick response of the Publication Department in supplying the unexpected need is another testimony to the efficiency of that Department and to the cordial team work between it and the Department of Religious Education.

It has been decided to enlarge the scope of the Exchange Bureau of Plays for Children in order to make it more useful to our schools. The writers of the plays we have been circulating have been notified that we shall no longer pay the author's fee of one dollar for a play whenever it is used. Nearly all of the authors have cheerfully relinquished their fees, so that our list of plays will not be much reduced by this change. It must be understood, however, that the authors still hold their copyright privileges, and that the plays must not be printed or circulated except by arrangement through this office. The prices of the plays, which have ranged as high as two dollars, will now be reduced to cover only the cost of typing and postage, probably in no case more than thirty-five cents. It is hoped that by this change the use of these plays and pageants in our schools will be greatly increased. This is a most effective way to teach religion and impart Biblical knowledge. We hope, at the same time, to stimulate schools to prepare such plays and pageants for their own use, and then, through our Department, to share them with others. We shall be happy thus to be the intermediary in so good a work.

The Secretary of this Department has filled Sunday engagements in Hingham, Springfield and Harvard in Massachusetts, in Providence, R. I., and in Concord, N. H., during the month of December, and has many engagements for the succeeding months. He welcomes these opportunities to visit our schools, to urge the claims of the new religious education upon our parishes, and to take counsel with our ministers, superintendents, teachers, and the parents of the children on the problems with which they deal.

Department of Community Service

During the period of the war the social activities of the churches were naturally concerned very largely with work directly or indirectly related to the war. Men have been serving upon committees of public safety, food and fuel conservation, the Red Cross, and the like, while women have thronged the work rooms of the Red Cross, American Fund for French Wounded, and have given all their spare time to knitting and the making of surgical dressings. Community Service has of necessity fallen into the background. Nothing new has been attempted, and it has been fortunate if the established societies have been able to keep alive.

With the signing of the Armistice attention has been rather abruptly shifted to problems of readjustment and reconstruction. A whole series of questions, with which hitherto we have had no experience, have suddenly cropped up demanding answers. How shall the three millions of home-coming soldiers and sailors be reabsorbed into the ranks of peaceful industry? What sort of a democracy is to issue from the world conflict? How much democracy do we really want? How is it to be carried into the factory and the mine? The Government has laid its hand upon business and manufacturing, has taken over the railroads, the telegraphs and tele-

phones, has repressed speculation and controlled prices; how are the good results of these operations to be preserved and the objectionable features to be eliminated? Hitherto the world has been divided into national groups, each living very much to itself and trying to secure safety against possible enemies; now we have thrust upon us the problems of internationalism. National unity is sound and wholesome, but to-day we see there must be a higher unity, including the great majority of the nations, if there is to be world peace.

These are but a faction of the difficult problems which we are called upon to face and which must be settled right if there is to be a permanent peace of free peoples. Decisions in a country like ours rest with the whole mass of the people. If we are not to be led astray by demagogues and fooled by those who wish to exploit our ignorance, we must inform ourselves upon these things. This is an obligation which rests heavily upon the churches. A large part of the intelligence and leadership of the country is in the churches; they are in great measure responsible for the course of events in the next decade. It is of immense importance, therefore, that they take steps at once to inform themselves as to the general situation.

A committee of social experts, headed by Rev. Paul Moore Strayer of Rochester, has just issued a pamphlet of "Outline Studies" on these problems of the reconstruction period. It is very timely and thoroughly up-to-date. It gives suggestions and references as a guide to the study of the subjects indicated above, as well as of others equally important. A carefully selected bibliography puts the reader in touch with the latest publications on these topics. The book contains thirteen studies, but each is sub-divided so that it will serve as a basis of thought and discussion for at least a month. It is suggested that the "Outline" may be used in Bible classes or study classes of any kind in the church or any of its societies. A winter spent upon this little book would be immensely interesting and would crystallize thought and opinion. Those who carried it through would have clear-cut ideas upon the measures which sooner or later will surely come before the state and federal legislatures for action. If the people of the churches fail to make the most of this opportunity to inform themselves and come to some definite understanding as to what is desirable, they should not complain if the work is done by those outside of the churches who are not moved by the same common social ideas and sympathies.

The exact title of the pamphlet is "Outline Studies on the Problems of the Reconstruction Period." The price is 25 cents per copy or $2.00 per dozen, postpaid. It can be obtained at the Association Press, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City.

The Seventh Annual Conference of the National Housing Association was held in Boston in the last days of November, and was an event of great significance to the city. This Department joined in the invitation to hold the Conference here, and the Secretary was also Secretary of the Local Committee of Arrangements. It was the most largely attended of any Housing Conference. In view of the vast expenditures authorized by Congress, Government housing schemes received much attention. One evening was devoted to Boston. Local interest is aroused, and it is hoped the general effect of the addresses will be to stimulate enlightened action on the part of the Mayor's Commission, which is now studying the Boston situation with a view to making definite recommendations. The Conference disclosed a strong drift away from the old subjects of discussion. Housing reform may now be considered as definitely endorsed by the general public; the present question concerns the way in which reform shall be carried out. Among important papers were those on "Rent Profiteering," "Scrapping the Slums," "Own your Own Town," "Good Housing as a Reducer of Labor Turn-over," "What Labor Wants." More business men were in attendance than ever before, for the fact has at last penetrated the business mind that it is

exceedingly expensive to run an industrial plant unless there are dwellings in the neighborhood for the workmen to live in. The land question received more attention than usual. Cheap land is now recognized as essential to industrial housing and the attempt to secure for the community the values which the community creates does not seem such a counsel of foolishness as it did a few years ago.

Altogether the Conference was a great success and the Department is to be congratulated upon the share which it had in it.

Publication Department

As we look back on the past year — a year never to be forgotten for its days of mighty struggles, dread uncertainty, and noble sacrifice — we are grateful for whatever we may have been able to achieve in this Department, despite the difficulties and obstacles we were forced to encounter. But as the New Year dawns, the situation brightens — the clouds break, and we look forward to an era of prosperity and opportunity — an opportunity which surpasses any that has previously been possible, for we are on the threshold of the greatest reconstruction that the world has ever known. If this reconstruction is to accomplish what the nations demand that it shall, the churches must necessarily take an important, if not the leading part. The new life will raise new standards, and accordingly as the churches, individually and collectively, meet these new requirements they will prosper or perish.

We believe that our denomination has a definite mission and that this mission will be accomplished. We believe that each of our churches has a message for the people of its particular community, and we hope to render every service possible in aiding them to spread that message. To this end we ask the ministers and laymen to call upon this Department whenever we can be of help, to use our free literature as widely as is consistent with judicious distribution, to offer favorable comment when our work is of particular value to them, and to be equally ready to offer criticism when there seems to be need for improvement. We wish to serve the denomination to the best of our ability, and only with the perfect co-operation of the churches can this wish be fully realized.

CHURCH EFFICIENCY PAMPHLETS

(For distribution among the ministers and committees of the churches.)

15. THE SPIRIT AND METHOD OF CHURCH ORGANIZATION
By Arthur E. Morgan
Written by one of the leading engineers in the country, applying the principles of sound and progressive business management to the organization of churches.

16. THE CHURCH AND THE CHILDREN
By William I. Lawrance
A sound and convincing reminder that the children are the future of the Church and that our first obligation is to secure for them adequate moral and religious instruction, with recommendations of practical ways and means.

17. THE DUTIES OF CHURCH OFFICERS
A Message to Laymen
By Samuel B. Nobbs
A strong plea for Unitarians to heed the demands of the hour and enter as never before upon the serious duty of making their churches efficient channels for the transmission of a simple, reasonable, practical, and reverent religious faith.

18. MUSIC IN THE WORSHIP OF OUR CHURCHES
By Palfrey Perkins
Practical recommendations for the conduct of the music in our services of public worship.

19. METHODS OF PUBLICITY FOR UNITARIAN CHURCHES
By Henry Hallam Saunderson
An analysis of the problems of the typical Unitarian Church, with practical suggestions for reaching the people in all parts of the city.

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"Laurel crowns cleave to deserts
And power to him who power exerts
Hast not thy share? On winged feet
Lo, it rushes thee to meet:
And all that nature made thy own
Floating in air or pent in stone
Will rive the hills and swim the sea
And, like thy shadow, follow thee."

Taking Thought for Our Own

Gradually we are returning to the ways of peace, taking up our accustomed burdens and doing our own personal and sometimes neglected work. To us Unitarian women the nurture of our own churches which need financial aid, comes as our specially appointed task. We have helped for years our struggling missionary outposts and our old churches needing help in some special effort of repairing or rebuilding. Annually our appeals, always carefully investigated by The Alliance committee and the American Unitarian Association, have been sent out to our branches and they have responded according to their abilities in sums varying from twenty-five cents to fifty dollars.

Not all have helped however. This year out of a total of 305 branches 264 have made no response. For that reason by vote of The Alliance Board a letter has recently been sent out to these branches by Miss Effie E. Whitman, chairman of the Appeals Committee.

In most cases this neglect of our own work comes from thoughtlessness. Other requests concrete in form and therefore appealing are brought before our women and our money frequently goes to worthy causes, which after all someone else might be found to help. Denominationally speaking we are all too often followers of Mrs. Jellaby. But only we ourselves can assist our struggling Unitarian work. This work we must do or it remains undone. Let us not forget there is no alternative.

Each of us should have the joy of helping in our missionary work. We have received a wonderful education in giving this last year and there has been no limit to the generosity of our Unitarian people. Placed as I have been in the midst of war work I have had the great joy of knowing how our people have stood by. Now let us carry on this spirit into our Alliance giving, and raise easily and quickly the small sums asked for our annual religious educational appeals for the Meadville and Pacific Theological Schools and the Tuckerman School for parish workers. Our little mission church at Green Harbor, Mass., is annually in need of help and this year we are repairing the parsonage at Memphis, Tenn.

We desire to help to increase the circulation of the Christian Register, for through it we continually make new friends and strengthen our own allegiance.

Further we are all eager to help our Southern Circuit, bearing new thought and religious help to those groping their way out.

No one who has read in recent numbers of Word and Work of the labors of our friends among the Italian unchurched can fail to realize the importance of our mission to those who sit in spiritual darkness. This work should grow logically with the years and our new internationalism.

All together let us have at least a mite from every branch for our own Unitarian Alliance work. *S. S. G.*

Through the time of reconstruction we must carry on, says everybody, the

spirit of the war into days of peace. Alliance branches freed from the need for continuous Red Cross work will carry on the unceasing energy of the past year into our own Alliance work.

We are amply able to find a use for the wonderful patience and the surprising power to achieve which we have shown. As a by-product has come a team work with those of other faiths than ours and this quality is needed now as never before. Interdenominational understanding has come to us in large measure. We realize that all the churches struggle with the same sometimes disheartening difficulties.

The men returning to our communities have a right to expect of us large views and broad sympathies.

We shall carry on the spirit of the past year into 1919 and the church we love will grow in power through the days.

From the Society for Christian Work of San Francisco the following greeting sent to our president, Miss Lowell, finds ready response in all our hearts:

"Our large interests of the past year have brought us all very near, and we of the San Francisco Society for Christian Work wish to extend to you the season's greetings, first because of our interest and love for you, second because of the joy that has come. We realize the problems ahead but already the accomplishment has been great, and it has come only because we have worked and hoped together. The future seems very apt to bring large results, and so Christmas this year has a wonderful message."

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held December 13th, Miss Lowell presiding. Thirty one were present, including the Recording Secretary of the New York League, and three branch officers.

Mrs. Davis reported by letter having attended several meetings of New York and Philadelphia workers. The New York League has taken special steps to arouse interest in our denominational work in the south.

Miss Lowell emphasized the need of patience in these solemn times, that we may not form hasty judgments, and likewise of flexible-mindedness, a readiness to turn mental somersaults and do it cheerfully. Never was there such a time for the liberal faith. Miss Lowell reported attending neighborhood meetings at Exeter, N. H., and Hingham and New Bedford, Mass.

A letter of thanks was voted to the Post Office Mission committee of the Second Church, Boston, for a gift to the library of the Life and Letters of Edward Everett Hale.

Attention was called to a new book, Sketches of Some Historic Churches of Greater Boston, prepared by Alliance women.

The resignation of Miss Soulè, of New Orleans, from the central Post Office Mission committee, was accepted with regret.

The Southern Circuit report told of loss by fire of Kimball House, the girls' dormitory at Shelter Neck. Mrs. Peterson wrote that they were grateful that no one was injured, but the clothing of the boarding pupils was completely destroyed and the loss is keenly felt by teachers and pupils.

A letter of sympathy and greeting was voted to Mrs. Keyes, who has fallen and broken her leg.

The board accepted the report of the committee, appointed to prepare a model form of branch by-laws, and voted to adopt the by-laws so framed for the use of branches that may ask for suggestions in making new by-laws. Copies may be obtained on application to Alliance headquarters.

A circular of our Southern missionary work was read and copies have been sent to every branch president.

The Junior Fellowship committee suggested that in each Alliance branch some member be made personally responsible for the work of the Juniors. A new Junior Alliance is to be welcomed, Concord, N. H., Miss Margaret Lowell, 51 Center St., Concord, N. H., secretary.

Three papers written by Mrs. May L. Sheldon, former director for Essex

County, Mass., have through the kindness of Dr. Sheldon, been added to the lending papers: Women in Time of War, Unitarian Women, and Writings of Unitarian Women.

The College Centers committee read a very interesting report from Miss Florence Fessenden, student worker at Smith College, showing, with other things, that four of the college girls have classes in the Unitarian Sunday School at Northampton. The Unitarian Girls' Club plans for a Sunday evening student meeting once a month.

In memoriam have been added the names of: Mrs. Mabel S. Sparhawk, Melrose, Mass., by her mother; Mrs. Alice D. Sanborn, Quincy, Mass., by her sister; Mrs. Grace Isabel Mead, Providence, R. I., by a friend.

Interesting reports were received from Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, and from six Massachusetts directors.

The report from southeastern Massachusetts shows a gain of thirty members in that district.

The next meeting will be held at the Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn, N. Y., on January 10, 1919. The morning session for board members, will be followed by a conference at 2 P.M., at which the following subjects will be presented: Young People's work, introduced by Miss Packard, secretary of the Y.P.R.U.; Recruiting the Ministry, by Rev. William L. Sullivan; Alliance Work for College Girls; and our Missionary Work, in the South, in Italy, and our Appeals in general. A cordial invitition is extended to all who may be interested to attend this conference.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Post Office Mission

The January Post Office Mission conference will be held Friday morning, January 17th, at 11 o'clock in Channing Hall, Boston. The subject for discussion will be "Advertising" and the speaker Mrs. C. W. Gerould of the First Parish, Cambridge.

As there are at present no names of correspondents at headquarters, the question of how new names may be obtained is pressingly important. It is hoped that a large number of Post Office Mission workers will attend the meeting.

The Junior Alliance

Here are brief reports from the Junior Alliance:

Westboro, Mass: We held our first meeting in the home of our president, and sang songs from the Sunday School book, one of our members at the piano. Then we knit squares for an afghan. We have already finished one, and this is the second. We closed our meeting by singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Our Junior Alliance decorates the church each Sunday, and at the Christmas Fair we are to have charge of the ice cream booth.

Montpelier, Vt.: Our meetings have been much interrupted by the influenza. We are knitting socks for our Red Cross Chapter. In connection with the church fair next week, our Junior Alliance members are to give a play in the vestry.

Davenport, Iowa: We have done war work every two weeks, and had a table of useful articles at our annual fair. We make each year about $100, and we usually keep one-third to buy material for next year, and give the rest in some form to the church. One year we gave a warming oven for the kitchen, and another, a silk flag, etc.

Farmington, Me. We were organized in 1914, and our age limit is twenty. We meet every two weeks in the homes of our members, and are working for our table at the Annual May Fair. Last year we had a Red Cross Table. During the Winter we hold Food Sales and suppers, and we have found Coffee Parties very successful.

The French Babies

Dear Children:

For some months I have not written to you about the Creche at Cap d'Antibes — the creche which many of you have helped to make possible.

The work has been so successful and

the daily response from 37 children to the wise care and warm love so ready, that it would seem almost wicked for us not to "carry on."

Miss Wilson, Directrice of the Creche, wrote to me on November 6th, saying that for several years after Peace is declared there will be great distress among the civilian poor, as the men who return from the front will no longer get allowances for their families from the State and the prices of food and clothes may be even higher than now.

Can we not continue to help these families in the care of their children for still another year, so that we may feel we have done one real bit of constructive work — three years' support for 37 children?

There is at present nearly enough in the Creche Fund to carry on the work until December 1, 1919, but we must begin at once to accumulate funds for 1920 if we are to support the work to the end of that year.

The money being spent now and which will be spent until the close of 1919 was gathered last winter — as the Alliance Manual will show. Can we not do as well this winter? Remember every dollar counts — nay, every penny.

Miss Wilson will send me shortly a report of the year's work and I will have it put into WORD AND WORK, so that you may read how many thousand meals you have served to our little French brothers and sisters and how they have been cared for during the past year.

Affectionately yours,

JESSIE VOIGT,

222 Riverside Drive,
New York

Member Junior Fellowship Committee.

News from the Branches

Mrs. C. F. Smith writes from Louisville: "The past week the Branch Alliance "demobilized," and on next Friday will celebrate the formation of the 'Woman's Alliance of the First Unitarian Church of Louisville.' The name of the *church* was changed months ago. Mr. Lupton suggested that the Junior Alliance, whose ages range from twenty-four to fifty years, might be able to secure a majority vote to continue with the Branch in reality, instead of superficially, if both organizations disbanded and reorganized with new officers, new by-laws, etc. The cordiality with which every member of the Branch voted in favor of his suggestion gladdened our hearts. Their slogan was "The welfare of the Church," for to give up traditions and to change officers who have endeared themselves to the members was Unitarian liberality and unselfishness. All of the Junior Alliance, who attended the two meetings called by its members to discuss the important question, were in sympathy with the movement and we are looking forward to a happy future. The Juniors have always held their election of officers in January, as being at the beginning of the fiscal year of our Church. The Branch has held its annual meeting always in April, so the new officers could be listed in the Manual of "The Alliance." Until next Friday we will not know which date for election will be preferred.

A temporary chairman and other officers will probably be appointed. Mrs. Christman, President of the Branch, and Mrs. J. C. Ivins, President of the Juniors are both executive, popular women, and about the same age. Both have been eager for this amalgamation, work well together and in perfect accord. To have this question settled is a joy to me as Director, and as a longtime former President of our harmonious and congenial Branch. We all hope that soon as possible a new Junior Alliance will be formed of the young girls of the Church, with the understanding that at twenty-one years of age they graduate into the Senior Alliance. During Mr. Lupton's absense as chaplain at the camp at Chillicothe, the women of the church are forming committees, to be changed each month, to do systematic visiting of the congregation. This month their time and energy are being devoted to calling on the children of the Sunday School and their parents. The trustees talked of engaging a Parish Visitor, but readily

yielded to the wishes of the Women of The Alliance who feel that now, more than ever, mutual acquaintance will be beneficial. By a unanimous vote of the Alliance Miss Lilla Breed was made superintendant of the Sunday School assisted by the teachers, and a committee of five women, her own selection.

Dr. Samuel A. Eliot was with us yesterday and preached to a full church. His son Charles is here at Camp Taylor. I was fortunate in having him as my guest at dinner a week ago, these soldier boys in the flush of youth are wonderfully attractive. Dr. Eliot's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. McGiffert, are in Louisville for a time, making many friends."

Richmond, Va.: Preparing for the usual sale and supper, which comes early in December. It was thought at first they could not have it because many were away and because they would not have "dear Mrs. Pratt" to guide them, but they finally decided to do the best they could. Their War Relief work is still going on with vigor and will continue as long as desired. They say: "We hardly knew what we would do this fall, Mr. Pratt having gone, and with the added loss of Mrs. Pratt we were greatly disturbed, but the A. U. A. sent Rev. Channing Brown to help us along until January and both Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been of great assistance to us. During the period that the church could not be open, Mr. Brown offered his services to the Emergency Hospital that was opened here, and there, part of each day did what he could. It was a very helpful thing to have done and made for the Unitarians a part in the Community service. Mr. Pratt hopes to be back before long."

From *Charleston, S. C.:* In November of last year a bazaar was held to raise money for a scholarship to be given a little cripple at Shelter Neck. It was a great success and the scholarship was assured and the same amount will be raised this year. Each month a sum is contributed toward the support of an aged member of their church and a fund has been started for the repairing of the interior of the church. The report of the Post Office Mission shows that many pamphlets have been distributed and that there is a growing interest in Unitarian work.

The first meeting of the season of the New York League of Unitaran Women was held at "The Church of the Messiah" on December 6th, Mrs. Glogau presiding. After the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," the reports of the officers were read. Two items of interest may be culled from the statements. First, that the Liberty Bond Committee sold bonds to the amount of $173,100 and second, that it had been decided to hold only three meetings during the winter and spring.

Miss Florence Sullivan gave an inspiring address on "The Re-education of the Cripple." She spoke of the industrial, the war and the civilian cripple. The public was urged to give up the idea of the uselessness of the cripple. As soon as the soldier cripple comes out of ether after his operation, the United States supplies him with a leaflet telling him that he will have compensation and be as thoroughly equipped as possible for some useful life work. Moving pictures show him, while he is still in bed, what others have done. When he is able to be up, he is given an artificial limb and is made to use it, then he is sent to the reconstruction hospital nearest his home. There are sixteen such institutions in the United States. He is put in the curative work shop where he is employed at first for only a few hours.

Many cripples have learned their trades so well that they are the most valued workers; they are infinitely more careful and willing than the usual employees.

There are 80,000 men permanently injured every year in industry. At present, the employers, on account of patriotism are more interested in the soldier cripples; but Miss Sullivan hopes in time to make the industrial cripples' appeal just as strong.

The address ended with the following

story: "I have had a longer time to think here in the hospital than ever before. I have lost my legs and one arm; but I feel that I am really *more* here than I was before it happened. I've learned to understand life."

Mrs. Mary B. Davis made the Appeal for the collection for the benefit of schools at Swansboro and Shelter Neck, North Carolina. She gave a delightful account of our missionary work.

Mr. C. V. Hibbard, the Y. M. C. A. secretary for Russia, spoke on that country, he said that Russia was three times as large as France and that the population was twice that of the United States. Russian fiction is thought to be the best in the world; its science and music take front rank. Russia was the only nation to invade Germany in the first year of the war. Sixty per cent of its people can neither read nor write. They have been under a great disadvantage during the war because they could not consult their allies; but the real Russian people have never given in to the Germans.

In Ukraine, where the Germans were in control, the farmers were commanded to give three eggs a week and milk in proportion, to the enemy. In consequence, the natives killed their hens. When this was discovered, they were warned that a man would be put to death for every hen.

As the government is one of working men, the poor are favored instead of the rich. Many formerly well-to-do women sell newspapers. The priests engage in any sort of labor.

The babies have no milk, a thousand will die this winter. The people are living on flaxseed. The soldiers are paid 25 cents a month as against our soldiers' $33.00.

The Y. M. C. A. found two million cripples. Ninety per cent of the prisoners were invalids, seventy-five per cent had tuberculosis. Germany has taken everything from Russia and passed on. Will America leave her Russian friends to starve?

Mr. Holmes spoke an earnest word of greeting, in which he commented upon the fact that Russia was so upside down that the rich people needed more sympathy than the poor.

Luncheon was served in the Chapel of the Church of the Messiah.

The Monday Conference of Alliance Branches will meet at 25 Beacon St., Boston, Monday, January 6th, at 10.30 Mrs. John K. Whiting, of Brookline, will preside and Mrs. George T. Rice will speak on "Prison Reform." Everyone is cordially invited always.

The Chaplains' Fund

Acknowledgement is made for contributions to Chaplains' Fund as follows:

Previously acknowledged	$1373.50
Providence, Westminster Branch	10.00
Brookline, First Church Branch	50.00
Boston, South Congregational Branch	10.00
Miss Henrietta M. Pierce	25.00
Cambridge, Third Church Branch	5.00
Waltham Branch	2.00
Leominster Branch	5.00
Boston, Second Church Branch	5.00
Kennebuck Branch	10.00
Newton, Channing Branch	5.00
Templeton Branch	5.00
Lexington Branch	10.00

Appeals

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$313
Meadville Students	147
Pacific School Students	157
Tuckerman School	121
Southern Circuit, in addition to pledges	1,050
White Plains	155
Italian Mission	462
Memphis, Tenn.	232
Christian Register (to increase circulation)	463
Foreign War Relief (unlimited)	

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, *President*

Miss Minnie Packard, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Suggested Topics

Devotional: The Model Prayer.
Jan. 5, Matt. 6:5-15, After This Manner Pray.
Jan. 12, Matt. 6:6, The Place of Praying.
Jan. 19, Matt. 6:9-13, The Objects of Prayer.
Jan. 26, Matt. 6:14, 15, The Relation of Prayer to Life.

Social: Reconstruction Needs.
Jan. 5, Armenia.
12, Poland.
19, Belgium.
26, The Balkan States.

District Supervisors

The supervisors so far heard from, who have signified their willingness to serve this year are as follows:

Boston Federation — Membership Committee.

Essex — Mrs. Edward C. Cotton of Danvers.

South Middlesex — Rev. James MacDonald of Melrose.

North Worcester — Mr. Howard Searles of Marlboro.

Pilgrim — Rev. Howard C. Gale of Norwell.

Bay Shore — Rev. Houghton Schumacher of Hingham.

So. Eastern, N. H. — Miss Helen Tufts of Exeter, N. H.

Eastern Maine—Rev. John W. Tickle.

New York and New Jersey — Rev. Nelson J. Springer of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meadville — Mr. Rowland F. Nye of Meadville, Pa.

Iowa — Rev. Curtis Reese of Des Moines, Iowa.

Central Pacific — Miss Dorothy Dyar of Berkeley, Cal.

The Secretary's Trip

Miss Minnie Packard, the new Field Secretary, is planning a visit to unions in New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia this month. She expects to arrive in New York on January 8th, and is scheduled to speak to the Alliance Women of New York on January 10th. Arrangements are being made for a Y. P. R. U. Rally in the Flatbush, Brooklyn, Fourth Unitarian Church, Sunday, January 12th, and another at the Church of the Messiah, New York, Sunday afternoon, January 19th. Miss Packard will address various conferences of ministers and Sunday School workers and would be glad to help to start unions in any of the churches in the vicinity of New York. On January 10th, Miss Packard will occupy the pulpit in Dr. Cressey's church, Staten Island, N. Y. Already this year the Field Secretary has occupied the pulpit in Winthrop, West Somerville and Reading, Mass.

The Secretary hopes to get in touch with the young people in the following churches: All Souls, Messiah, and Lenox Avenue in Manhattan, Second, Fourth, Unity, Willow Place, and Church of the Saviour in Brooklyn, Flushing, Staten Island, White Plains, and Yonkers, N. Y. Elizabeth, Hackensack, Montclair, Orange, Passaic, Paterson, Plainfield, Ridgewood, Rutherford, and Summit, Trenton, N. J., and the First and Germantown churches in Philadelphia.

Annual Contribution

It is expected that each society connected with the national Y. P. R. U. will send an annual contribution for the support of the national work. If your society has not sent its 1918-1919 contribution, will you please send it in as soon as possible, and make it as large as you can? It is now due.

The returns from the Fair — $725 — were distinctly disappointing, and this means we must make a special effort to secure contributions from the Unions. If each Union contributed $10 it would give us about $2,000. If your Union has already contributed for this year, will you not consider the possibility of making an additional contribution?

Only 37 Unions contributed last year. If your Union pledged itself at the May meeting, please do not forget it.

Make all checks payable to Young People's Religious Union, and send to 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

Yours very truly,
O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE,
Treasurer.

SUGGESTIONS FOR A COLLEGE PARTY

(As run by the Marlborough Y. P. R. U.)

Vestry decorated with college pillows, banners, and pennants and lights concealed in Japanese lanterns.

Registration: Payment of tuition to Bursar.

Registration Tuition: 15 cents. No free scholarships.

Entrance Exams: Foolish questions asked by the Registrar.
Composite pictures drawn, and presented later as diplomas.
All asked to register in the Secretary's book.

Initiation: Trip on an (ironing board) flying-machine, taken blindfolded.

President's Reception: Partners drawn for a musical march to shake hands with the Faculty (ministers, officers and special guests.)

Chapel: Three favorite hymns.

Freshman Field Day: Football game — be-ribboned footballs only passed around among the team.
Discus throw — with paper plates.
Relay race — on a box of Uneedas.

Lessons: A lesson in laughing. Class seated in large circle laughs, when jester in center throws up a knotted handkerchief and must not even smile while it is on the floor.
To laugh or not to laugh proves to be the question, and a dime masterpiece from Woolworth's rewards the winner, after elimination of those laughing or failing to laugh at the proper time.

Favor Waltz: Led by committee to distribute fancy crepe paper hats especially near-mortar-boards, and home-made dance orders with a college girl in cap and gown on the cover.

Sophomore Dinner: Sandwiches and ginger ale.

Junior Prom: Ten numbered dances according to order, featuring Paul Jones.

College Show: Monologue or short sketch.

Graduation: Give some their degrees — as read from a large thermometer. Others rolled up pictures received by Registrar.

Sing Out: Familiar college and folk songs.

Senior Reception: Informal dancing till closing time.

Notes

Seven new life members are reported by the Secretary. May they soon be seventy times seven.

If you want a good speaker on reconstruction to address your union or a convention, write Rev. L. V. Rutledge, 317 Harvard St., Cambridge, Mass.

Any union that has a good play worked up can do good social service by repeating it at the Elizabeth Peabody House, Boston.

The Boston Federation meeting will be held at Bulfinch Place Church, Sunday, January 26th. Every church in the Boston District is urged to send delegates to this meeting. There will be a lecture by a Friend from Philadelphia on the work done by Quakers to help "Rehabilitation in France." The lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon.

Begin the new year right by reporting to headquarters, 25 Beacon Street, Room 11, any activities in your society. The exchange of ideas is one of the best secrets of progress.

Have the officers of your society been reported yet to Y. P. R. U. headquarters? Better twice reported than not at all.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, *President,* 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton, *Vice-President,* Cambridge, Mass.

Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, *Secretary,* 301 Brattle Building, Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Edward J. Rowse, *Treasurer,* 27 Richwood Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

The World Movement Against Alcohol

The Anti-Saloon League of America conducted a conference at Columbus, Ohio, November 19-22, 1918, to "organize a world-movement against the liquor traffic."

The chief address was made by Ernest H. Cherrington, General Manager of the Anti-Saloon League, who gave a "Survey of the World Alcohol Problem." In a summary of Anti-Saloon League activities he said that it employs the entire time of a thousand people, raises and expends a million and a half annually, and owns a publishing plant at Westerville, Ohio, valued at about half a million. It publishes and distributes in the United States periodicals exceeding two million copies a month. It receives regular financial support from more than 500,000 people.

Conditions in Other Countries

Mr. Cherrington then gave a classification of Nations with reference to legal control of the liquor traffic. "The Prohibition countries (assuming that the ratification of the Prohibition Amendment to the United States Constitution will be adopted before April 1, 1919) are: the United States of America, together with Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico; the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland; Iceland, Greenland and the Faroe Islands belonging to Denmark; Roumania, and Russia, as it was prior to the war of 1914, including Finland. This territory covers more than sixteen million square miles and includes a population of more than three hundred millions, or about one-sixth of the population of the earth."

Partly prohibition countries are, first, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand and Scotland, which prohibit in local areas, and second, France, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy, which have prohibited specified drinks, as vodka and absinthe throughout the whole area.

"The countries which are under the influence of the so-called prohibition religions are China, Manchuria, Japan, India, Persia, Afghanistan, Turkey and Arabia, together with certain portions of Northern Africa and a few other sections of Asia." The religions prevailing in these countries include Mohammedanism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Brahmanism, Zoroastrianism, and Taoism. The devotees of these religions manufacture native liquors for their own consumption, though until recently little has been imported from foreign countries.

International agreements of European powers provide nominal prohibition of traffic in distilled spirits in territories including nearly all of the African continent and many island possessions. There is, however, virtually no enforcement of these agreements.

The liquor traffic is practically unchallenged in the Balkan States (except Roumania) Mexico, Central America, and South America.

Resolutions were passed by the Conference authorizing the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America to formulate and carry into effect plans and methods for the co-operation of temperance and prohibition workers in different countries in the promoting of an international league.

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